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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto et al. (US 6,791,640) in view of Arakawa (US 2002/0060762).

1. Regarding claims 1, 4-8, and 10, Okamoto discloses a reflective LCD (see figures 1 and 26) having: a lower substrate (5) including a reflective electrode (7) and a lower orientation film (3) formed on the reflective electrode (7) with an orientation direction having a range of 0° ~ 10° with respect to an imaginary line for reference; an upper substrate (4); an upper orientation film (2) formed on the upper substrate (4), having an orientation angle of -50° ~ 54° with respect to the orientation direction of the lower substrate (14,15); a twisted nematic liquid crystal layer (1, column 6, line 25) interposed between the lower substrate (5) and the upper substrate (4), with a predetermined phase delay value ($d\Delta n$) of 0.15 ~ $0.17 \mu\text{m}$ (column 6, lines 41-45), having

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twist angle of 50° ~ 60° with respect to the left direction (column 6, lines 45-47); and a polarizing plate (10) attached to a outer surface of the upper substrate (4) not opposed to the lower substrate (5), having a predetermined polarizing axis with an angle of 112° ~ 120° with respect to the orientation direction of the lower substrate (TWIST ANGLE, 03; column 7, lines 46-49). However, Okamoto does not expressly disclose wherein the upper substrate is capable of compensating a phase of $\lambda/4$ with an optical axis of a predetermined angle.

2. Regarding claims 1, 4-8, and 10, Arakawa discloses an LCD (see figure 3, for instance) having an upper substrate (22b) capable of compensating a phase of $\lambda/4$ with an optical axis of a predetermined angle ([0009]; [0014]; [0018]).

3. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the quarter wave substrate of Arakawa in the LCD of Okamoto. The motivation for doing so would have been to make a lightweight, thin LCD, while improving shock resistance, as taught by Arakawa ([0014]). Claims 1, 4-8, and 10 are therefore unpatentable.

4. Regarding claims 2 and 11, Okamoto in view of Arakawa discloses the reflective LCD of claims 1 and 10 (see Okamoto figures 1 and 26; Arakawa figure 3, for instance), and Okamoto further discloses wherein the transparent substrate capable of compensating the phase of $\lambda/4$ (8) is a glass substrate for completely circular-polarizing light of 550 nm wavelength (100; column 6, lines 27-41; column 15, lines 1-14). Claims 2 and 11 are therefore unpatentable.

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5. Regarding claim 3, Okamoto in view of Arakawa discloses the reflective LCD of claim 1 (see Okamoto figures 1 and 26; Arakawa figure 3, for instance), and Okamoto further discloses wherein the transparent substrate capable of compensating the phase of $\lambda/4$ (100) is a glass substrate for changing a phase of light of 550 nm wavelength $\lambda/2$ (column 15, lines 4-9). Claim 3 is therefore unpatentable.

6. Regarding claim 12, Okamoto in view of Arakawa discloses the reflective LCD of claim 10 (see Okamoto figures 1 and 26; Arakawa figure 3, for instance), and Okamoto further discloses wherein the transparent substrate capable of compensating the phase of $\lambda/4$ (100) is a glass substrate for changing a phase of light of 550 nm wavelength into $\lambda/4$ (column 15, lines 9-14). Claim 12 is therefore unpatentable.

7. Regarding claims 9 and 13, Okamoto in view of Arakawa discloses the reflective LCD of claims 1 and 10 (see Okamoto figures 1 and 26; Arakawa figure 3, for instance), and Okamoto further discloses wherein the reflective electrode (7) has a flexural surface (column 7, lines 60-67; column 8, lines 1-11). Claims 9 and 13 are therefore unpatentable.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathanael R. Briggs whose telephone number is (571) 272-8992. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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